



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 6935**
Johe IKEDA et al. : Docket No. 2001-0515A
Serial No. 09/830,338 : Group Art Unit 1642
Filed July 11, 2001 : Examiner Misook YU
MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES AGAINST : Mail Stop: **RCE**
HUMAN APOPTOSIS INHIBITORY
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated August 17, 2004, and in further response to the final Office Action dated December 30, 2003, the period for response having been extended for five months by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants herein provide the following remarks.

A Notice of Appeal was filed June 28, 2004. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) hereby accompanies this response.